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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National

Intelligence Officers

SUBJECT : Military Data Bases--Potential

Crisis Areas

1. Concerning the problem of military data bases with respect to certain potential crisis areas which we discussed a few weeks ago, I would like to escalate a notch by addressing another aspect of the problem. Once we have agreed on what the potential crisis areas are, we will need to determine:

- a) whether adequate data bases exist with respect to a capability to support intelligence analysis where the armed forces of certain free world countries are involved in crisis situations;
- b) who has the best capability to conduct the basic research necessary to the maintenance of adequate current military data base material.
- 2. Once these things are determined, then we will have to more precisely define what is available, how good it is, what is lacking, etc. Perhaps the most important question is to determine who should have primary responsibility for the maintenance of military data bases on the countries we have identified as potential crisis areas. This raises other questions.
- 3. What I would like to do is to attempt to define or frame the problem for the DCI so that he will know where we stand now and I would like to end up making some recommendations about what he might do toward solving the problem. In this connection, I would like the opportunity of discussing these things with you at your earliest convenience. My phone numbers are 6927 (B) and 1813 (R).